(d) the steps taken to impress upon the Wakf Boards to implement the scheme for providing salaries and perks to Imams, Hifeezs and Nizaraths as approved by the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) In pursuance of the direction of the Supreme Court, a scheme for remuneration to Imams/Mauzzins was prepared which provided for categorization of Imams, model scale of remuneration, factor to be considered for determining the quantum/scale of payment as well as administration of the scheme. Implementation of the scheme was the responsibility of the concerned Board of Wakfs. The State Governments are being pursued for taking action accordingly.

Functions of NBCFDC

1590. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the functions of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation; and

(b) the details of the loans sanctioned and the projects completed by the Corporation in Tamil Nadu during the past five years?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) has been entrusted with the job of promoting economic and developmental activities for the benefit of members of Backward Classes, who are living below double the poverty line by way of providing loans and advances for economically and financially viable schemes.

(b) The NBCFDC channelises its funds for the target group

through the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) nominated by respective State Governments. The SCA of Tamil Nadu has disbursed following amounts released by the NBCFDC during last 5 years:

Year	Amt. Disbursed	No. of Beneficiaries
1996-97	Rs. 607.44 lakh	1535
1997-98	-	-
1998-99	Rs 641.54 lakh	2205
1999-00	Rs. 401.37 lakh	1330
2000-01	Rs. 276.24 lakh	837

Illegal Adoption Centres in the Country

1591. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal adoption centres are being run in various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government propose to consider to restrict the illegal adoption and child trafficking;

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the illegal adoption and the centres thereon;

(d) whether Government will consider to amend the Juvenile Justice Act for making more effective measures to restrict illegal adoption and to avoid the complication and confusion existing in child adoption and to impose stringent punishment for promoting illegal adoption and adoption centres; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (e) While the Ministry has not received reports of illegal adoption centres being run in various parts of the country, action is taken against